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SUBJ: RESTORATION OF LEAVE FOR BERG,RICHARD W.

REF: STATE 216879

DRYZA FROM CHARGE'

1. NEWLING HAS, OF COURSE, DEPARTED FROM THE POST, BUT I HAVE PERSONALLY EXAMINED THE FILES AND BELIEVE THE EXIGENCY OF PUBLIC BUSINESS PREVENTED BERG TAKING ANNUAL LEAVE ON DEC 30 AND 31. NO FIRM EVIDENCE EXISTS FOR SIMILAR CONCLUSION FOR JAN. 2 AND 3.

2. SPECIFICALLY BERG AND HERTER WORKED SATURDAY DEC. 28 AND MONDAY DEC. 30 COMPLETING AND SUMMARIZING PURCHASE DATA AND DOCUMENTATION AND TYING UP LOOSE ENDS OF HERTER'S TRIP- TO MEET DEPARTMENT'S DEADLINE OF 31 DECEMBER. THIS RESULTED IN BERG'S WINDUP TELEGRAM TO DEPT. OF DEC. 30 (KINSHASA 10983). ON DEC. 31 BERG ARRANGED AND CHAIRED A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF USAID, USIS, DAO, AND THE REGIONAL BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICE TO EXPLAIN THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATION OF THE PURCHASES AND TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS WERE OBLIGATED PROPERLY, AGAIN IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31.

3. ON THE BASIS OF THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, HAD I BEEN IN NEWLIN'S POSTION AT THE TIME I WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTED BERG TO POSTPONE HIS LEAVE UNTIL THE TASK WAS FINISHED, IN THIS CASE, AT LEAST UNTIL JANUARY 2ND.

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